

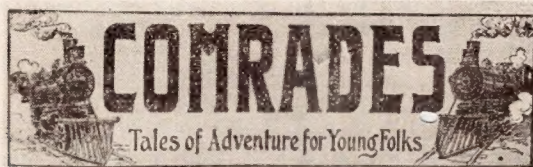
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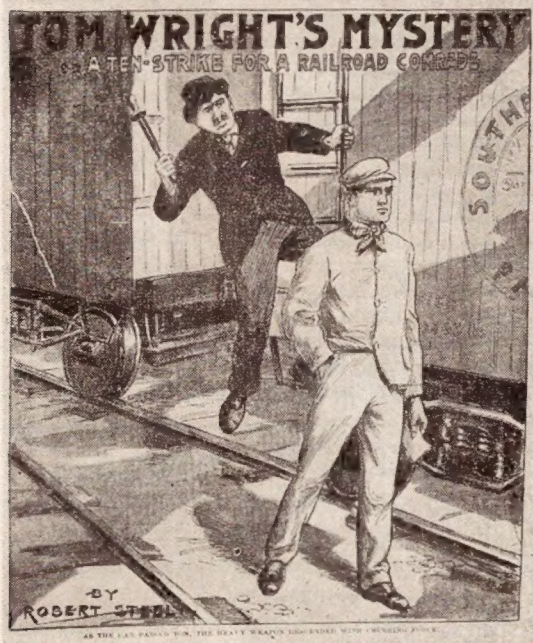
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DIME NOVEL SKETCHES #8

COMRADES

The only dime novel weekly devoted to railroading. The first number was issued March 31, 1900, the last, No. 72 on August 10, 1901. Size 7x10½, 32 pages, bright colored covers. With No. 59 the size was increased to 8½x11, along with other Street & Smith publications. The stories trace the adventures of Tom Wright through all phases of railroading and in the later is-

sues, adventures in the southwest and ended with a baseball series. Two issues, Nos. 61 and 65 were reprinted from Red, White and Blue Library. Most of the Weekly was reprinted in the New Medal Library under "The Young Railroader" titles and again in the Round the World Library.

Old English Journals for Boys

"Those Special Christmas Issues"

by W. M. Burns

As a boy I can remember the special Christmas issues of the Youths Companion, but no others. Although I have been told that Harpers Young People and St. Nicholas had them also. I can remember that the Youths Companion added a special colored cover, plus one or two extra pages containing Christmas stories.

But the English had a different way of doing it. Most publishers of old English boys journals put out a special Christmas issue in the form of a supplement. This supplement ran from eight to 16 pages. Sometimes the supplement was gratis, but more often it cost a half-penny or a penny per copy.

It was optional with a boy whether or not he bought this supplement as they contained no serial stories and without them, no serial was broken from the boys favorite journal. I have been told by old time English collectors how hard it was for them sometimes to raise an extra penny

in order to purchase the special Christmas supplement of their favorite journal. But usually, by "hook or crook" they raised the extra penny somehow.

I don't blame a boy for wanting these extra Christmas supplements, as they were full of ghost stories, body snatchers, ghouls, skeletons, etc., and the scene of the stories laid in some old ruined castle or Manor House or some old abbey or monastery. And the stories always written in the Yuletide spirit and the incidents in them usually happening on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. Brett and Fox were sure to come up with a Christmas supplement nearly always.

I have nearly 100 bound volumes of old English journals for boys and will list the contents of some of the Christmas supplements that I have. Of course time and space forbids me from listing all of them.

First we will take Boys of England

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as this was the first of the many Brett journals.

The Christmas supplement for 1867 (vol. 2) had a colored wrapper which was unique for supplements, most of them coming out in black and white covers.

The stories in this one were "The Phantom Pantomime," "Out of Work; or, A Dark Christmas Eve and a Bright Christmas Morning" and "The Legend of the Giants Quarry."

Christmas issue 1876 (vol. 5) contained the following stories, "Who Killed Randolph Rooke; A Ghost Story," "The Lone Boy; or, A Crime of a Winters Night," "My Strange Companion; A Mysterious Story," "The Leaden Egg."

Christmas Supplement for 1898 (vol. 56) contained "The Silver Knight; or, The Skeleton Arm," a long story of 15 pages.

The above was the last Christmas supplement ever to appear in Boys of England, as it ceased publication with vol. 56 with a total of 1702 issues.

Now for its companion journal, Young Men of Great Britain. No time or space for them all, so here's just a few of them. The first one was for Christmas 1868, vol. 2 and had a wrapper printed in four colors. The stories in this issue were, "What Said the Echo? Help or Murder?" "My Unlucky Christmas" and "The Three Shots; or, Christmas Eve at Sea."

Christmas 1877 vol. 7 contains "The Misers Ghost; or, The Skeleton at the Feast," "The Railroad Guards Story," "Alone on the Raft; or, Christmas on the Ocean" and "Shadows on the Blind." This was a re-issue volume for 1877 and not the regular issue.

Christmas 1880, vol. 27 gave us the following stories, "The Grimsdale Ghost; or Dead but not Done For," "The Orphan Boys; or, Twice Doomed to Death" and "The Gipsys Revenge; or, The Prophecy of Beechmore."

Christmas 1882, vol. 31, gave us "Strathmores Revenge; or, The Headsmen of the Tower and the Shadow of

the Axe," a long story of 15 pages.

Christmas 1888, vol. 44 gave us, "Cranstons Chase; or, The Spectre Clown," another long story of 14 pages.

But enough of Young Men of Great Britain. Let's turn to Boys of the Empire.

In these we have Christmas 1888, vol. 2, the following long story, "The Haunted Priory. A Tale of Three Christmas Days." A long story of 16 pages.

Then Christmas 1890, vol. 6, we have "The Haunted Schoolroom; or, The Secret of the White Abbey," another long story of 14 pages.

Then in Bretts Boys of the World we have Christmas 1869, vol. 1, the following stories.

"The Ghostly Champion. A Legend of Ever Castle," "Tom Standburys Dog. A Story of Retribution," "The Detective at Fault. A Tale of Christmas Eve," "The Three Visits; or, The Spectre Grange" and "The Christmas Ghosts of Mr. Samuel Poppins." This was the only Christmas issue to appear in Boys of the World as they ceased publication after 62 issues.

A little known publication was Bretts Boys Favorite which ran to only 41 issues. I have a fine bound volume of the entire run. The one Christmas issue in these was dated 1870, vol. 1 and contained the following stories, "Father Longs Legacy; or, The Ghostly Summons," "Wolfert the Viking. A Tale of the Old Saxon Times" and "Altering a Will."

Up-to-Date Boys for 1900, at Christmas, carried in the special issue the following: "A Terrible Task; or, The Young Avenger." A long tale of 14 pages.

In my run of Fox's Boys Leisure Hour from #1 to 100 I am lucky to have the two special Christmas supplements that came out with them. Here's a list of the stories in them.

Christmas 1884, vol. 1 contained the following list of stories, "The Armored Ghost," "Doomed to Die," "The Sedgeland Phantom," "A Christmas Day Battlefield," "The

Gipsy's Revenge" and "Thawing an Iceicle."

Christmas 1885, vol. 3, contained as follows, "The Ghost's Compact," "Tom Trollop's Fortune," "The Wreckers Fate," "The Haunted Belfry," "The Outcast's Christmas," "Christmas at Home" and "A Strange Shadow."

As stated at the start of this article, space forbids me to list all the Christmas Supplements that I have.

Such as I have listed will give the reader a general idea of the fine tales in these supplements, which were a real treat to the British boy of 75 to 90 years ago.

A TRIBUTE TO DER ROUNDUP

by Heinrich Knoodles
Member No. 61

Oh so often fellers I ssstop und I vunder,

Its yust about den dos I begin to ponder.

Der Roundup all down through der years,

Always mit sumdings that somebody cheers.

Some of der ardickles, you may not think so good,

Vell dot most always iss well understood.

But der Eddie he tries always for vot he thinks best,

Like der Reckless mit things on his chest.

Mabe an artickle, too many titles may be a bore,

Don't off mit der hat und at your hair tore.

So yust you upkeep your interest most all uf der time,

Remember, der Eddie from all dis, he don't make a dime.

So iff all you brothers go along as before,

Effen if der newstands don't have em galore.

Some day der Roundup will be a best seller,

So ssstring along and be a good feller.

BANDIT ON THE STAND

Frank James Giving Testimony

Telling of His Wandering Among the Indians and in the South and the Efforts He Made to Surrender to the Authorities

St. Louis, Mo.— Dispatches from Gallatin, Mo., received late last night give the following additional report of the Frank James trial. Frank James, continuing his testimony, said: "Between the 10th and 15th of May, 1881, I went to Louisville and thence to Clay County, Tex.; went to Mrs. Palmer's in June and staid five or six weeks; went from there into the Indian nation, a distance of 129 miles.

"I returned to Mrs. Palmer's when I heard o the Winston robbery, because I supposed I would be looked for as having had a hand in that transaction. While away on that trip, I heard of the Blue cut robbery. When I left Tennessee, I instructed my wife to see Gen. Shelly and see if anything could be done for me as I wanted to surrender if I could have a fair and impartial trial. I told her if nothing could be done to go to her brothers in California, which she did.

"In Texas, my health was bad. From there, I returned to Tennessee. I met my wife in Kentucky and we traveled through Tennessee, Virginia and North Carolina looking for a secluded place of residence and finally returned to Lynchburg, Va. In April, I heard of Jesse's assassination.

"I had nothing to do with shipping guns into Missouri and was not in the state from the time I went to Tennessee in 1876 to when I passed through from Texas in 1881."

—The News, Sept. 1, 1883
(Clipping sent in by George French)

Anyone having a file of "Onward" conducted by Captain Mayne Reid, published at 119 Nassau Street, New York around 1869-70 please contact Capt. C. G. Mayo, Wild Acres, Huntington, Vt.

FAVORITES OF YESTERDAY

AMELIA E. BARR

By Hermon Pitcher

A series of eighty novels, and an autobiography, written and published during a period of thirty-four years, a period starting after the author had reached the age of fifty-three, is the amazing record of literary activity left by Amelia E. Barr, who died at her home, Richmond Hills, Long Island, in her 87th year, in March, 1918.

Like Mary J. Holmes, at the time of her death she had been working upon another novel. The annals of fiction writing may furnish an instance of productivity at a comparatively advanced age, exceeding this, but such an instance is not easily called to mind.

Some of Mrs. Barr's titles were "Jan Vedder's Wife," "The Bow of Orange Ribbon," "Trinity Bells," "A Maid on Maiden Lane," "The Strawberry Handkerchief," "A Maid of New York," "The Belle of Bowling Green," "A Song of a Single Note," "The House on Cherry Street," and her last, "The Paper Cap."

These are all well worth reading. Skillfully constructed as to plot and character, they are tales of early New York life, representing wide historical research that must have meant the expenditure of a vast amount of time on the part of the author.

Amelia Edith Huddleston was born in England and came to America when she was 23 as the wife of Robert Barr, son of a clergyman. They went west, and then south, living in different places in Texas. In 1867, while living at Galveston, her husband and four sons died of yellow fever.

Soon afterward with her three daughters she removed to New York where she secured a position as a teacher in Ridgewood, New Jersey.

She became a prolific author in the fields of literary endeavor, and for years was a valued contributor to "The Christian Herald." In essay, poem, or tale she labored zealously

for the highest ideals in living and thinking, and will long be remembered as a beneficent influence by her host of readers.

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By Ralph F. Cummings
Fisherville, Mass.

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Ralph Smith and J. P. Guinon must be getting very near the bot-tom of the barrel, for they've been selling novels and papers a long time. Hope they find lots more to sell.

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